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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>21 APRIL 2016</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE:</b>	<b>FINANCE MANAGER (s151) PETER JOHNSON</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>INTERNAL AUDIT – THIRD PROGRESS REPORT 2015/16</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report summarises the outcome of internal audit work undertaken between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016, inclusive.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the results of audit work undertaken as part of 2015/16 audit plan.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 To enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibility for considering the outcome of internal audit work.

### **4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS**

- 4.1 The Council will fail to comply with proper practice requirements for internal audit if the results of audit work are not considered by an appropriate Committee.

### **5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Strategic Objective of providing strong Community Leadership, by demonstrating a commitment to local democracy and accountability.

### **6.0 REPORT DETAILS**

- 6.1 The work of internal audit is governed by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and relevant professional standards. These include the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and CIPFA guidance on the application of those standards in Local Government. In accordance with the standards, the Head of Internal Audit is required to report on the results of audit work undertaken.

- 6.2 Veritau is progressing in the delivery of the agreed internal audit plan. There are no significant delays anticipated with the work. Within the report there is a summary of progress made against the plan and a summary of the audit opinions for the individual audits completed thus far.
- 6.3 In the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 eight out of twenty internal audit reviews have been completed. Three draft reports have also been issued. Work is ongoing on all other audits. It is expected all audits will have had draft reports issued by the end of April 2016.
- 6.4 It is important that agreed actions are formally followed-up to ensure that they have been implemented by managers. The internal audit team carries out follow-up work throughout the year and escalates any issues that have not been addressed, with senior managers. Where necessary, the issues will also be brought to the attention of this committee. We have no matters to report from our work following up findings in 2015/16.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial  
None
  - b) Legal  
None
  - c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)  
None

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**Background Papers:**  
2015/16 Internal Audit Plan